

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the five Replacement Sheets included herewith for their corresponding drawing sheets in this application.

REMARKS

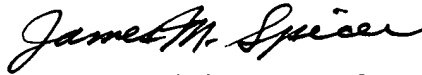
Favorable consideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Each drawing sheet is now labeled "REPLACEMENT SHEET" in the header (top margin) per discussion with the Legal Instruments Examiner.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. No fee is due for filing this Reply because it is being filed within the shortened statutory period as set in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 9, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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